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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5997-N-25]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Small Area Fair Market Rent

Demonstration Evaluation

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD submitted the proposed information collection requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days of public comment.

DATES: Comments Due Date: **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF**

PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER.]

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal.

Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-5806. Email: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Anna P. Guido, Reports Management

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telephone 202-402-5535. This is not a toll-free number. Persons with hearing or speech

impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Guido.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A.

The **Federal Register** notice that solicited public comment on the information collection for a period of 60 days was published on September 21, 2016 at 81 FR 64929.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Small Area Fair Market Rent Demonstration Evaluation

OMB Approval Number: Pending.

Type of Request: 2528-New.

Form Number: No forms.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: HUD generally publishes a single FMR for each metropolitan area and provides public housing agencies with discretion to vary local voucher payment standards between 90 and 110 percent of the Fair Market Rent (FMR) (unless HUD approves an exception). The SAFMR demonstration is testing the alternative approach of setting FMRs at the ZIP Code level. The core hypothesis is that this will significantly expand the ability of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) holders to access housing in neighborhoods with high-quality schools, low crime rates, and other indicators of opportunity, as well as integrated neighborhoods in furtherance of HUD's goal of affirmatively furthering fair housing.

HUD is evaluating the SAFMR demonstration and an important consideration in this evaluation is how voucher holders and landlords perceive the shift from traditional area-wide FMRs to SAFMRs. HUD will look into whether both existing and new voucher holders understood how the change to using SAFMRs affected their housing options and whether it led movers to search

in new neighborhoods or affected the rate of moving of existing voucher holders. Similarly, HUD wants to know whether landlords were aware of the change in the HCV program and whether this affected their willingness to rent to voucher holders and the level at which they set rents. In order to address these perceptions, 70 tenants and 35 landlords will be interviewed in the areas served by the five PHAs that are in the SAFMR demonstration: Housing Authority of Cook County (IL); Housing Authority of the City of Long Beach (CA); Chattanooga (TN) Housing Authority; Town of Mamaroneck (NY) Housing Authority; Housing Authority of the City of Laredo (TX); and two PHAs from the Dallas metropolitan area – Dallas Housing Authority (TX), and the Plano Housing Authority (TX). To build rapport during recruitment, by acknowledging the value of their time, an incentive payment of \$20 for tenants and \$40 for landlords will be made.

Exhibit A-2: Number of Respondents, Estimated Burden, and Estimated Cost of Respondent Burden for the Evaluation of the Small Area FMR Demonstration

Affected Public	Data Collection Activity	Respondent Pool	Responsive					Non-Response					Grand Total Annual Burden Estimate (hours)	Hourly Wage Rate	Total Annualized Cost of Respondent Burden	
			Estimated Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Total Annual Responses	Average Burden Hours per Response	Total Annual Burden Estimate (hours)	Estimated Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Total Annual Responses	Average Burden Hours per Response	Total Annual Burden Estimate (hours)				
HCV Holders																
Individual	Telephone Call (Recruiting Call Script)	700	70	1	70	0.08	5.60	630	1	630	0.08	50.40	56.00	\$7.25	\$406.00	
Individual	Recruitment Confirmation Email/Letter	70	70	1	70	0.20	14.00	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	14.00	\$7.25	\$101.50	
Individual	In-person Interview	70	70	1	70	0.75	52.50	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	52.50	\$7.25	\$380.63	
Subtotal Tenants							72.10						50.40	122.50		888.13
Landlords																
Individual	Telephone Call (Recruiting Call Script)	175	35	1	35	0.08	2.80	140	1	140	0.08	11.20	14.00	\$32.81	\$459.34	

Individual	Recruitment Confirmation Email/Letter	35	35	1	35	0.20	7.00	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	7.00	\$32.81	\$229.67
Individual	In-person Interview	35	35	1	35	0.75	26.25	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	26.25	\$32.81	\$861.26
Subtotal Landlords			36.05					11.20					47.25	\$1,550.27	
Grand Total			108.15					61.60					169.75	\$2,438.40	

The average hourly wage rate for HCV Holders (\$7.25) is based on the current Federal minimum wage. The average hourly rate for Landlords (\$32.81) is based on the average hourly rates for Property, Real Estate, and Community Association Managers (Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, May 2015 National Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates.)

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

- (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;
- (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including using appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

C. Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

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Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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